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AGGRECAN DEGRADING METALLO PROTEASE ACTIVITY

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed November 12, 2004. A response to this Notice was originally due on December 12, 2004. A petition and fee for a one-month extension of time accompanies this response, making this response timely submitted.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.